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Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, the Examiner **(1)** objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5); **(2)** rejected claims 1, 3 and 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0020019 to Wischmann et al. (i.e., the “Wischmann reference”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,600,160 to Kobayashi et al. (i.e., the “Kobayashi reference”); and **(3)** found allowable subject matter with respect to claims 2, 4 and 5.

Regarding issue **(1)** above, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently provided Replacement Sheet effectively traverses the stated objection to the drawings. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of such objection.

Turning to issue **(2)** above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3 and 6 have been canceled hereby without prejudice.

Concerning issue **(3)**, Applicant respectfully expresses appreciation for the finding of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 2, 4 and 5. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that present claims 7-11 are likewise directed to allowable subject matter and accordingly should be

passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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